



POROTI SCHOOL

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Kia ora koutou and welcome to Poroti School

Our Poroti akonga / learners are getting excited about the upcoming auditions for Alice in Wonderland! We have been reading the story, the script and talking about the characters - of which there are some favourites - during class time. **EVERY STUDENT** will be participating in this production whether they have a speaking or non-speaking role. We saw such positive changes and so much pride in our tamariki in the last production 'The Lorax' we just had to do another show! Being in a school production boosts children's confidence, builds vital communication and teamwork skills, and fosters empathy. It **provides a safe space** for creative expression, improves focus, and creates shared memories and pride in our school. It is about stepping onto the stage and overcoming initial nerves and encourages the children to step out of their comfort zones. **The Power of YET!** It is part of our ARTS Curriculum and will involve school time.

TEACHER ONLY DAY: ****TOMORROW **** A reminder school will be closed for instruction tomorrow as the Board has given permission for the school to hold a Teacher Only Day. This is to allow all staff to meet to have Professional Development on changes to Assessment and Reporting to Parents.

WHAT'S NEW FOR PARENTS: Each newsletter I will add a new piece of information to keep you up to date with changes with our reporting and assessments so that you have a clearer picture and understanding of the new language in the reports and how we are coming to our Professional Judgements. Please be aware that this is also new to the teachers, so we are learning together!

PAT TESTING: We have completed the PAT Writing, Reading Comprehension and Mathematics PAT tests online for the first time this year with our Years 4-8, with the Year 3s doing just the Mathematics test. New Zealand teachers use a variety of tests to determine what level students are at, what progress they are making, and where they may need extra help. **Progressive Achievement Tests, commonly known as PATs**, are one of the main sets of tests Poroti School has used this year. The test results help teachers decide what kinds of teaching materials are needed and which methods or programmes are most suitable for our students. PATs are also important because they identify the progress a student is making from year to year. PAT scores can also be used to align with the new Progress Descriptors (SEE NEXT WEEK's installment in this space) that will appear on Reports as a compliance from the Minister of Education.

SCIENCE FAIR: A number of the Year 7 & 8 students have opted into the Central Northland Science Fair programme. Some are doing Investigations and some are doing Technology projects. This requires effort and time management from the students and they will require some home help. School time will also be allocated and they will be supported here as well in the form of Mrs J and Molly. I am excited about the choices of topics this year and look forward to the results. Currently we are underway sorting out their AIM and RESEARCH questions. Each student will have a Log Book which accounts for 10% of the total mark in which all their thoughts, research, results etc are entered in. I will send an Information booklet home. By June 23rd they will need a catchy title for their project. The actual Science Fair is not until the week of 26th August, but I would prefer the projects finished well before then! If you have any questions please feel free to contact me or drop in and talk. I will ensure all students have the correct Science Fair boards ready for their presentations.

CELEBRATION

Congratulations to the following students for receiving awards...

- Jethro Imeson - for great self-managing during interruption in PAT and an awesome result
- Subira Njenga - thank you for your engagement and contribution in Whaea Hoana's lessons
- Tayla Creelman - for supporting our Kapa Haka by taking the 'Lead' and getting the group prepared for waiata
- Tirarau Arama-Heta - for great improvement and speeding through sight words and moving up a level in reading
- Connor Brljevic - for achieving a 'can't do YET' moment - for standing up and leading our assembly - achieved !
- Subira Njenga - for great use of vocabulary in ANZAC poem
- Iana Peeni-Takarangi - for a great diamond ANZAC poem
- Roitana Shelford - for great writing of your ANZAC poem
- Shilo Erueti - for amazing reading out loud with fluency
- Robert Erueti - for amazing reading out loud with fluency
- Te Orewai Peeni-Ngawhiki - for outstanding work in handwriting
- Marley Imeson - for achieving the 'Subtraction Award' in Xtra Maths

Congratulations to Te Haora for moving up a level in Lexia

Haylin Marsh - for using a clear loud voice at Kapa Haka and singing with pride



COMMUNITY NOTICES



We are excited to be running our FutureFERNs Coaching Workshops for 2026 at the Whangārei Netball Centre.

These workshops are a fantastic opportunity for coaches, parents, volunteers, players, and anyone interested in junior netball development to grow their confidence and coaching knowledge in a fun and supportive environment.

Auckland Coach Development Lead Tania Heap will be leading the sessions, bringing valuable experience and practical coaching insights for all levels.

Workshop Details:

Year 1–6 Workshop: 8th June 2026, 5:00pm – 6:30pm Year 7–10 Workshop: 8th June 2026, 6:30pm – 8:00pm

The sessions are free to attend and will cover coaching basics, session planning, and age-appropriate skill development. If you have any questions feel free to contact playerdevelopment@whangareinetball.co.nz.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
Friday 22nd May	Teacher Only Day. School is closed for instruction
Monday 25th May	TECH - Year 7 & 8
Monday 1st June	King's Birthday - NO SCHOOL

